

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 16th, 2015

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 16th day of November 2015 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The board conducts its' business in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Chair indicated the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of November 16th, 2015 agenda; 2. Approval of the November 2nd, 2015 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$39,950.89
Alamar Uniforms, uniforms -----	\$ 1,083.30
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,328.38
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 212.48
Marlene Bedore, mileage -----	\$ 92.00
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,183.70
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$18,952.36
Clerk of the Dist. Ct., adv. costs -----	\$ 35.00
Clerk Dist. Ct. Assn., dues -----	\$ 25.00
Clinch Enterprises, repair -----	\$ 97.75
CNA Surety, bond -----	\$ 425.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 404.51
Comfort Inn, lodging -----	\$ 87.95
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$12,936.76
Community First Bank, checks/ACH fees -----	\$ 175.61
Community Hospital, blood tests -----	\$ 592.00
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 117.17
Dash Medical Gloves, supply -----	\$ 70.90
Dept. of Rev., Property Assess Div., data process CAMA -----	\$10,295.05
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 412.18
Ed Roehr Safety Products, law enf. supply -----	\$ 264.96
Employee Data Forms, supply -----	\$ 23.00
Farmers Coop, supply/fuel/repair -----	\$ 1,223.38



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Bree Frazier, blood draw -----	\$ 125.00
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 136.72
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 185.04
Todd Hovey, blood draw -----	\$ 125.00
Todd Hovey, same -----	\$ 250.00
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 86.26
Mailfinance, lease -----	\$ 225.00
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 38.26
McCooknet Internet Service, service -----	\$ 8.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 253.00
Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 29.70
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 157.50
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,916.48
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,600.64
NE Weed Control Assn., dues -----	\$ 125.00
Nebraska.gov, transcripts -----	\$ 4.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul A. Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 325.45
Ramada Inn – Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 221.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 56.82
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 6,848.47
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 823.59
SW Fertilizer, heating fuels -----	\$ 762.75
Trails West Texaco, supply -----	\$ 5.75
U of NE Medical Center, shipping fees -----	\$ 25.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,580.26
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 193.20
Ryan Wilcox, public defender contract/cont. ed. reimb. -----	\$ 2,138.21
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 84.45

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 6,518.58
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 571.86
Ameritas Life Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 68.32
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 217.42
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,860.96
Brad's Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 910.35
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 69.14
Carquest Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 238.39
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,810.59
Phillip Dixon, Hwy. Supt. contract -----	\$ 725.00
ED Enterprises, supply -----	\$ 259.80
Farmers Coop, supply/fuel -----	\$ 302.39
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 1,342.74
League Builders Supply, repair -----	\$ 38.28
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 17.89
Mentzer Oil Co., fuel -----	\$ 1,840.00
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 37.50



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NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 178.74
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 2,416.77
Oak Creed Engineering, engineering -----	\$ 600.15
Plains Equipment Group, repair -----	\$ 188.00
Powerplan JD Financial, same -----	\$ 710.57
R&W Repair, fuel -----	\$ 153.52
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,051.41
Schamels Auto Supply, supply -----	\$ 164.00
Darrel Schutz, repair -----	\$ 94.73
SW Fertilizer, supply/propane/fuel/repair -----	\$15,789.64
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 30.96
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/tools -----	\$ 556.16
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 42.21
Village of Trenton, same -----	\$ 129.40

RELIEF FUND:

Farmers Coop, client fuel -----	\$ 37.78
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E-911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 217.77
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 61.42
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Member Nichols moved to approve the claim of Scott's Sinclair in the Road Fund for fuel in the amount of \$319.90. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried.

Chris Berry with Lutheran Family Services met with the board regarding the Comprehensive Plan for Southwest Nebraska and a Memorandum of Understanding for Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Mrs. Berry advised as to the priorities of the plan. Attorney Garner advised as to the benefits of said program. Truancy from school was discussed and how this program assists other agencies on the matter.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute approval of the Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Comprehensive Community Plan by and between Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow Counties. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Red Willow Counties for Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Hagemann advised the board as to recent FSA visits regarding Agricultural Risk Coverage and offered a recap of recent training sessions.

Highway Superintendent Dixon met with the board and advised as to the annual 2015 SSAR Financial Report, the Nebraska Department of Roads assessment of deficient bridges and small bridges, the Palisade and Trenton federal aid bridge projects. Projects for the One and Six Year Plan were discussed and reviewed.



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Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute Hitchcock County's Annual Report for Nebraska Department of Roads Board of Classifications and Standards, 2015. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to the revised contract for property appraisal services with Tax Valuation, Inc.

Member McDonald moved to execute the revised Contract for Property Appraisal by and between Hitchcock County and Tax Valuation, Inc. for parcel #440004373 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to execute the revised Contract for Property Appraisal by and between Hitchcock County and Tax Valuation, Inc. for parcel #440026010 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from the US Department of Interior advising as to payment under the "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) Program.

Attorney Garner advised as to Invoice No.(s) 926566, 926567 and 926576 dated March 8, 2015 in relation to "Implementation and Continuation of a Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System" and as to his letter dated November 6, 2015 addressed to Ruth A. Sorensen, Nebraska State Property Tax Administrator.

Carol Schlegel joined the meeting and discussion was held as to appointments to the Hitchcock County Visitor's Committee.

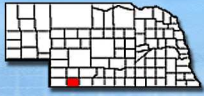
Member Nichols moved to appoint Ron Barger to the Hitchcock County Visitor's Committee for the term ending April, 2019. Member Wertz seconded the motion, and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to remove from the table the review and discussion of the Assessment Practices Report dated 10-23-15 which was tabled at the Board's 11-2-15 meeting. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

Assessor Bedore joined the meeting and provided a copy of a letter dated November 13, 2015 from Attorney Larry Baumann to Attorney Jon Cannon.

Agenda Item #7, Assessment Practices Report dated 10-23-15 was taken up. Assessor Marlene Bedore and Attorney Larry Baumann joined the meeting. Due to large attendance, the meeting was moved to the District Courtroom in the Courthouse at 11:16 a.m. this date.

Chair advised those in attendance that the board had voted previously to remove "review and discussion of the Assessment Practices Report" from the table.



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Attorney Larry Baumann addressed the board as to correspondence and conversations with Jon Cannon, education requirements referenced in the Assessment Practices Report (the “Report”), and the result if the Board chose to reject the Report. Discussion held on findings and corrective measures detailed in the Report.

Member McDonald moved to accept the contents and recommendations of the Nebraska Department of Revenue’s Report dated October 23, 2015, referencing a portion of Ruth Sorenson’s cover letter dated 10-23-15 that “there are a number of violations of the laws of the State of Nebraska and poor assessment practices”. Member Wertz seconded the motion. Further discussion held. Upon conclusion of discussion, Chair asked for roll call vote and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$700.00 from Farmers Coop for machine hire, credited to the Road Fund and \$7.50 from Nebraska Technology & Teleco for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 12 Noon and to meet for the next regular meeting, Monday, December 7th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk